

SCHOOL BUS DRIVER TRAINING VIDEOS & BOOKS

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The Montana Office of Public Instruction, Resource Center, has a small collection of bus driver training videos that can only be checked out by Montana schools and transportation providers. For more information on how to borrow videos:

Contact Raelen Williard at (406) 444-2082 or e-mail Raelen at rwilliard@mt.gov

For a list of other training opportunities for Montana school bus drivers, see our web site at: <http://www.opi.mt.gov/PupilTransport/index.html> and select "Training".

| VIDEO TITLES | APPROXIMATE LENGTH |
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| Advanced Techniques for Special Ed Bus Drivers | 19 minutes |
| Back and Ergonomic Safety for School Bus Drivers | 22 minutes |
| Behind the Wheel: Precision Backing Conventional (Type C) Buses | 28 minutes |
| Behind the Wheel: Precision Right & Left Turns Conventional Bus | 46 minutes |
| Small Bus | 46 minutes |
| Transit Bus) | 46 minutes |
| Behind the Wheel: Pre-Trip Inspection Small Bus | 46 minutes |
| Transit Bus | 46 minutes |
| Behavior Management (2 Tapes) #2: Kids Are People, Too! | 22 minutes |
| #3: Don't Loose Your Touch | 11 minutes |
| Bus Discipline – A Positive Approach (4-tape set) Role of the Administrator | 40 minutes |
| Role of the Driver | 23 minutes |
| Role of the Teachers | 26 minutes |
| Solving Persistent Problems | 23 minutes |
| Bus Evacuation for Special Ed Bus Drivers | 18 minutes |
| Bus Evacuation Drills for Students | 13 minutes |
| Car Seats on School Buses: Safe Solutions for Transporting Children | 20 minutes |
| Confidential Records: Training for School Bus Drivers | 16 minutes |
| Evacuating a School Bus | 20 minutes |
| <i>For You – The Veteran Driver, see Veteran Driver</i> | |
| Garrett Metal Detectors | |
| Growing Respect on Your Bus: Student Management Strategies For Preventing Bullying and Harassment | 30 minutes |
| How to Control Extreme Behavior on the School Bus | 20 minutes |
| How to Survive a Tire Blowout on a School Bus | 15 minutes |

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| If Buses Could Talk | 18 minutes |
| Intervention Strategies for School Bus Drivers | 19 minutes |
| Intervention Strategies for Special Ed Bus Drivers | 20 minutes |
| Introduction to Special Ed Bus Driving Safety | 18 minutes |
| Loading and Unloading | 13 minutes |
| Minnesota School Bus Drivers Series | |
| #1: Emergency Procedures | 20 minutes |
| Pre-Trip Inspection | 25 minutes |
| #2: Fundamentals of Bus Driving | 10 minutes |
| School Bus Driving Techniques | 10 minutes |
| #3: Winter and Adverse Weather Conditions | 15 minutes |
| Student Management | 20 minutes |
| #4: Emergency Evacuation | 15 minutes |
| Ghosts of Grade Crossing X | 23 minutes |
| #5: Are You Reading Me | 10 minutes |
| Children in Traffic. | 15 minutes |
| #6: Freeway Driving-Making Critical Decisions | 14 minutes |
| Sharing the Road with Big Trucks | 18 minutes |
| #7: Looking Good | 9 minutes |
| To Drive at Night | 13 minutes |
| Moment of Truth, The (loading & unloading) | 25 minutes |
| Necessary and Reasonable Force | 30 minutes |
| Night Driving for School Bus Drivers | 21 minutes |
| Operation Lifesaver: Decide Smart, Arrive Safe | 18 minutes |
| Railroad Crossing Safety Training for School Bus Drivers | |
| Professional Bus Driver Series (7 tape set) | |
| #1: The Professional Bus Driver and Student Safety | 20 minutes |
| #2: Establishing a Positive Environment on Your Bus | 20 minutes |
| #3: Dealing with Severe Disruptions | 20 minutes |
| #4: Engaging the Support of School Administrators | 20 minutes |
| #5: The Role of the Bus Driver in Public Relations | 20 minutes |
| #6: Establishing a Positive Attitude and Taking Care of Yourself | 20 minutes |
| #7: Handling Students With Special Needs | 20 minutes |
| Reducing School Bus Idling: a Key to a Healthier Ride | 5 minutes |
| Safe Driving: A School Bus Driver's Series II | |
| Defensive Driving | 10 minutes |
| Using Your Mirrors | 10 minutes |
| Emergency Maneuvers | 10 minutes |
| Safe School Bus Crossing Procedures | 19 minutes |
| Safest Way Out: Emergency School Bus Evacuation | |
| General Drivers Version | 16 minutes |
| Special Needs Drivers Version | 16 minutes |
| General Student Education Version | 12 minutes |
| Safety Awareness for School Bus Drivers | 20 minutes |
| School Bus Drivers Positively in Control | 13 minutes |

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| Someone Who Made A Difference: the Key Role of Bus Attendants | 16 minutes |
| Steering Clear of Liability: Training for School Bus Drivers | 17 minutes |
| Veteran Driver – For You | 26 minutes |
| Violence Prevention on a School Bus | 21 minutes |
| Winter Driving for Your School Bus | 18 minutes |

BOOK TITLES

Dorn, Michael. ***School/Law Enforcement Partnerships: a Guide to Police Work in Schools***. Dallas, TX, Ram Publishing Co., 2002.

Dorn, Michael. Weakfish: ***Bullying Through the Eyes of a Child***. Safehavens International, 2003.

Driver In-service and Training Program

Effective August 16, 2002, all school bus drivers are required to complete 10 hours of continuing education annually. There are many ways to insure that a district is in compliance with the new requirements. First of all, the district board and administration should understand and implement pupil transportation laws, regulations and policies. They must plan and conduct pupil safety education programs as needed. They must maintain adequate records and work to promote school bus safety and efficiencies. This will include planning and conducting a school bus driver-training program.

School bus transportation is an integral part of today's educational system. The school bus driver is expected to present a strong role model for children, as well as represent the school district before the public. When the driver is professional and knowledgeable, he/she will encourage social responsibility among the students. A quality driver training program is critical to the success of a school transportation program.

A continuing education program for school bus drivers providing at least 10 hours of in-service training annually shall include but is not limited to training for: Pre- and post-trip inspections, passenger boarding and debarking procedures, driving skills, defensive driving, railroad safety, passenger management, safety and emergency procedures, and special needs sensitivity and awareness.

The spring Montana Association for Pupil Transportation conference provides at least 10 hours of driver training in many and various ways. The conference fee is probably the best bang for the buck that anyone could receive for this training.

Other options include the videos contained in the OPI Driver Training Library. The videos usually last about 12 to 24 minutes. Time spent watching and discussing the videos will count towards the 10 hours of annual training requirement.

For information regarding the Advanced Driver Training classes provided in Lewistown call David Huff at (406)444-4396 or Fran Penner-Ray at (406) 444-4432. David's email address is dhuff@mt.gov and Fran's email address is fpenner-ray@mt.gov.

Documentation should be kept in a driver-training file or in each driver file as is appropriate for each school. Please do not send documentation to the OPI. This training requirement applies to anyone that drives a school bus to and from school. There have been a lot of questions regarding the substitute drivers and how this requirement applies to them. Student safety is the important reason for this requirement. All school bus drivers are required to receive the 10 hours of annual training.